

AT BED TIME I TAKE A PLEASANT MERR DRINK

THE NEXT MORNING I FEEL BRIGHT AND NEW AND MY COMPLEXION IS BETTER.

My doctor says it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys and is a pleasant laxative. This drink is made from herbs, and is prepared for use as easily as tea. It is called "Merr's Tea".

LANE'S FAMILY MEDICINE

All drugs and medicines by mail. 12c. 25c. 50c. Buy in bulk. LANE'S Family Medicine moves the bowels each day. In order to keep this necessary. Address: Box 2150, Le Roy, N. Y.

BIG ARTICLES -FOR- SMALL PURSES

10c.

SALE of CHINA Plates, Platters, Vegetable Dish, Tea Pots, etc.

GRANITE WARE Wash Bowls, 4-quart Pudding Pans, Cake Moulds, Preserves, Kettles, Dippers.

KITCHEN WARE-All kinds. **GLASSWARE**-Big variety.

Don't fail to investigate this.

10c Sale.



121, 123 and 125 Prairie Street

Royal Dyspepsia Cure

Is the only remedy for stomach troubles that are sold with an absolute guarantee to cure or money refunded. Cures by going right at the cause of the trouble by strengthening the weakened glands and blood vessels of the stomach.

For sale and personally guaranteed by

BELL The Druggist

PURSES

During this week as long as they last you can secure a 50c, 65c and 75c Pocket Book for

25c

They are of different sizes and shapes but remember-your choice for 25c.

See the display in our window.

HAINES & ESSICK

Saxton's Old Stand

DR. S. J. BUMSTEAD

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Twenty-five years' experience in Decatur. Glasses adjusted. All operations performed. Office, Temple Block, opposite Baptist church.

MEETINGS.

Special communication of Mason Lodge No. 8 A. L. E. & A. M. (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work. There will be a meeting of the H. M. M. M. Co. shop hands at Columbus hall at 7:30 o'clock, Jan. 30th. By order of Committee.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Guaranteed to cure. For sale by all druggists.

In ten years the population of the United States has increased twenty-one per cent. In ten years the beer consumed has increased forty-four per cent.

FORCED TO CLOSE

Shellabarger Plant Closes Because Cars to Ship Manufactured Goods Cannot be Secured.

THE SITUATION GROWS WORSE.

The Wabash Could Not Provide Even One Car on Thursday.

Last night the Shellabarger plant of the American Hosiery Co. was not in operation. The statement was made that because of a scarcity of cars in which to ship their manufactured product, the mill would be closed indefinitely.

There will be an effort made to keep the old Pratt mill, belonging to the same company, going to the end of this week at least. The matter of getting cars has been one of the things which has worried the mill men for weeks and instead of growing better the situation grows worse. Yesterday there was not one car placed for the Shellabarger mill. When that plant is in full operation twenty cars per day are required. When it is known that the railroad companies prefer to keep such plants above all others in operation, because their product is high class freight in the public view, the rates are high, perhaps the public will then better understand the extreme to which the carriers and the manufacturers are reduced when they are powerless to provide the necessary cars.

MIDWINTER PICNIC.

At Baptist Church Was Equal to an Outdoor Summer Day.

The Baptist Sunday school held a winter picnic in the church on Thursday evening and it is safe to say that a mid-summer picnic could have been no more fun. There were about 300 children present. At 6 o'clock nearly 100 of the little folks of the school were seated at the first table in the basement of the church. The baskets had come well filled and there was enough to have fed twice as many. After the little fellows had feasted the others were served.

Up in the Sunday school rooms, after the supper was over, came the great fun of the evening. Superintendent Owen Scott turned the little fellows loose and told them to have all the fun they wanted. Willis Bramble with his photograph gave selections. During the evening Patson Hinman entertained with Indian clubs, and Miss Amy Ilvey sang a vocal solo.

GOES TO ST. LOUIS.

L. P. Emig Takes Position of Secretary of Union Station Y. M. C. A.

L. P. Emig, who has for nearly a year served in the capacity of assistant secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., has accepted the position of general secretary of the Union Station Y. M. C. A. St. Louis. Mr. Emig in his brief stay in this city acquired a large number of friends in association and church circles. The position which he is tendered is one which any man could be proud of as it carries with it a handsome salary. Mr. Emig will leave in a few days to take charge of the St. Louis Association. The assistant to General Secretary George Brown has not yet been named, and likely will not until the next meeting of the Association board.

PERSECUTE McDANIELS.

He Will Make Trouble For His Tormentor One of These Days.

T. S. McDaniels, who drives a package delivery wagon is being persecuted and he can find out who has been at the cause of his misadventure. McDaniels has been troubled in his business by a high pitched curiosity. Mrs. Erisman left her husband and came home to her mother about a week ago and when she disappeared Tuesday night from the paternal roof she went in a mysterious cab and without saying when she would be back.

GONE AGAIN.

Mrs. Mary Erisman Leaves Husband, Mother and Home.

Mrs. Mary Erisman, wife of Homer Erisman, left her mother's house on West Green street Tuesday evening and has not returned. Such a seeming simple event has stirred up that particular suburb to a high pitch of curiosity. Mrs. Erisman left her husband and came home to her mother about a week ago and when she disappeared Tuesday night from the paternal roof she went in a mysterious cab and without saying when she would be back.

Not in the Morning.

Frequently inquiries are made during the forenoon for the editorial department. Any one wishing to reach the city editor or reporters can do so only in the afternoon. Being a morning paper the editorial force works all night and do not come to the office until the afternoon. The telephone will reach the editors by calling 32 two rings for the old and 221 for the new telephone.

Do Not Tell the Carrier.

Our customers of the Herald a great favor by reporting to the office by telephone or in person when a paper is not properly delivered. It is impossible to correct irregular or unsatisfactory delivery unless our patrons report to the office. We have no means of knowing that the paper is not delivered unless the subscriber gives the information.

MCKINLEY'S ADMIRERS

Remembered His Birthday By Wearing Carnations.

There was a big demand for carnations in the city yesterday. Many of the business and professional men of the city wore in their lapel the flower that showed the respect they felt for the late President McKinley.

Don't Worry.

This is easier said than done, yet it may be of some help to consider the matter. If the cause is something over which you have no control it is better in the least to let the other hand, if within your control, do the only to act. When you have a cold and fear an attack of pneumonia, buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously and all cause for worry will quickly disappear. There is no danger of pneumonia when it is used. For sale by all druggists.

The little things that we neglect to do seldom remain little. By and by we shall walk under their shadow. The reason so many people buy things on tick is because they get them on their own time.

BUSINESS AND OTHERWISE ATTEND HOSPITAL BALL FRIDAY NIGHT JAN. 30.

You pay more for the clothes that DENZ makes, but—

Wabash railway will run another popular excursion to St. Louis Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 account Lew Wallace's Ben Hur at Olympic. Fare for round trip \$1.50.

HOME MADE LUNCH AT HOSPITAL BALL.

Take the Wabash to St. Louis Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 account Ben Hur. See special rate column for particulars.

Vandalia line, low rates. One way, second class colonist tickets to California on sale Feb. 15, 1903, and continuing daily to and including April 30, 1903. Rate from Decatur, \$31.65. One way second class colonist tickets to the west and northwest daily commencing Feb. 15, 1903, to and including April 30, 1903.

ATTEND HOSPITAL BALL AT DENNIS'S HALL. HELP BUILD THE NEW HOSPITAL.

The Wireless Wizard.

Marconi, the Italian inventor of wireless telegraphy, has been doing things lately. One of his peculiarities, in which, by the way, he differs considerably from many others is to do a thing first and tell about it afterwards. Somehow all the officials and stockholders of the various telegraph companies feel uneasy. They see visions of lower telegraph tolls, smaller dividends. More power to Marconi! Competition is good for us. The aggressive and up-to-date merchant delights in his own establishment to set off by comparison with the less enterprising. Over on East Main street is a shoe store that is "in it" up to their ears just now. They are advertising an "exit sale" of shoes at "stuns mit 'em" prices. They do such things a year, and each time the crowd gets bigger. The armfuls of shoes that are carried out of here all day is a caution to those may, brethren, to tell the truth and to be liberal.

Lindsey's transfer cab or trunk calls. 25c. Both phones. General transferring.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors and also the H. Mueller Mfg. firm and employees for the kindness shown through the sickness and death of our departed husband and father. Mrs. Wood and daughter.

STATE FOOD COMMISSIONER

Visits Decatur and Talks About the Food Department.

R. M. Patterson, assistant food commissioner, was in Decatur last night and today will go to Champaign to look after some prosecutions which will be conducted there today for violations of the state food laws.

Speaking of the work Commissioner Patterson said that during the last calendar year there had been instituted 358 cases against retailers for violations and there are yet pending 103 cases. He said that he felt that that was a good record and an indication that the commission was not making light charges.

He said that it did not follow that because the inspector had taken samples of goods from stores in Decatur that violations would be found because it often happens that all of the samples prove to be within the limits of the law. No one pretends to say what is in the sample taken until the chemist has made an analysis.

He declares that the department is not to avoid everything that appears to be a violation and that not infrequently considerable latitude was exercised for that purpose.

The greatest deceptions thus far in the experience of the Illinois department is in vinegar. What is known in the department as "distilled vinegar" is sold as pure cider vinegar. There is no objection to its sale but the laws require that it shall not masquerade under a name to which it is not entitled and which is clearly intended to deceive. He cited one firm which manufactured every day more colored distilled vinegar than the entire state could in a year produce in pure cider vinegar and yet all of that stuff is put on the market under a name to which it was not entitled. Every time, or practically every time that arrests were made for handling that stuff in violation of the law, the manufacturer sent an attorney to fight the case in spite of the fact that only convictions resulted.

Commissioner Patterson said that perhaps four weeks would elapse before the report of the chemist would be received upon the packages taken from Decatur. The inspection here temporarily remains unfinished.

STREET SIGNS SELECTED.

Committee Will Make a Recommendation to the Council.

Thursday afternoon the special council committee to whom had been referred the question of considering the style of signs to be used in marking the streets of Decatur held a meeting at the city clerk's office. The members of the committee are Mayor or Shilling and Aldermen Meredith, Brand and Friebourg.

Some time ago the mayor secured a number of sample street signs and the committee decided to recommend a sheet steel sign twenty inches in length and four inches wide. This sign the name of the street appears in white enamel letters, three inches long, on a dark blue background. The signs are guaranteed to be weather proof and cost 25 cents each. The firm which manufactures them gives notice that the order cannot be filled for perhaps 90 days so that they can be put up during the early spring months. About 1250 signs will be needed and the total cost, including the work of putting them up, is expected to be something less than \$600.

The New House House.

The new house house on North Main street will be opened for the inspection of the public Saturday night from 7:30 to 11 o'clock. The Roberts orchestra will furnish music during those hours and the public is invited to attend and see the new house and its equipment.

Dance Tonight.

The members of the Amity Club will dance at the Guard's Armory tonight.

If you have pains in your back or limbs or swollen joints you have rheumatism. Take Sennewald's Prescription. FOUR THOUSAND, which is prepared to only cure Rheumatism, and be cured. Price \$1.00. For sale by druggists.

The man who is always talking shop and the woman who is always talking shopping soon give one that tired feeling.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

At her home on East Orchard street Thursday evening Miss Mamie McClannahan entertained friends at cards in honor of Walter Rockhold and sister, Miss Eva. Refreshments were served.

There was a very pleasant gathering at the home of G. N. Egnor, 827 North Morgan street, in honor of Mr. Egnor's birthday anniversary. The host was presented with a handsome chain. The evening was enjoyable spent with cards, crochets and other games. The company included John Sullivan, O. R. Siney, C. A. Draper, N. E. Martin, J. W. Bray, C. J. Turner, Dan Myers, J. W. Easley and wives; M. B. Warren, C. E. Peabody, John Williams, Jos. Huffman, J. M. Porter, E. K. Horton, L. P. Dayton, John Foreman, Tony Shrock.

The ushers of the Tabernacle held their annual business meeting at the church street last night. The following officers were elected: Manager—E. L. Crum. Assistant Manager—Herman Benoit.

Secretary—Ed Ankina. Treasurer—Walter Groves. The young men had invited their lady friends and the evening was spent with games and music. During the evening an oyster supper was served.

Miss Winnie Davidson of 1130 North Edward street, entertained the members of the midnight whist club last night. Progressive whist was the game of the evening and delicious refreshments were served at a seasonable hour.

Miss Ethel Jones of 1054 West Cerro Gordo street entertained about thirty friends at her home last evening. Games and music were the diversions of the evening. A lap supper was served.

PERSONALS.

F. R. Goode went to Chicago today on a business trip.

Jessie Porter of Lincoln who has been a guest of Mrs. E. B. Wilson during the past two days returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Fannie J. Sedgwick left yesterday for Kansas and Texas to be absent until the middle of March.

Mrs. Martin left for Peoria Tuesday to visit her son, L. N. Martin, Jr.

Miss Theresa Holland left yesterday for her home in Pueblo, Col., after visiting her parents for several months. Dr. E. A. Morgan was in Harriestown Thursday.

Albert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Diller of Kansas City left Thursday for Oregon.

W. R. Scruggs and wife and John Mulvain left yesterday for Omaha on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. C. M. Bumstead of Monticello is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Bumstead.

Mrs. Frank P. Roach is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carleton King in Chicago.

Mrs. Allison Peck of Cerro Gordo was shopping in the city Thursday.

A. Chapman of Gasner was in the city on business yesterday evening.

H. C. Mills of McNabb, Ill., visited his brothers, I. R. Mills and A. H. Mills. He was accompanied by Judge McNabb of the same place.

Attorney H. M. Hagan of Chicago is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Archer T. Davis at their home on Powers Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Powers and son, Jack, left Thursday morning for the Illinois coast for New Orleans whence they will go to Cuba and islands of the West Indies and finally to Palm Beach where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Owens, principal of Browns' from Bloomington, Thursday evening where he spent two days attending the books of the Bloomington school.

NEARBY TOWNS

Oakley.

Attorney Charles Borchers and sister, Miss Emma, of Decatur were visiting in this vicinity Sunday.

Mervin and Opal, children of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hiser, have been seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Crull and daughter of Morrisvill, Ill., have been visiting relatives here the past week.

George Sontrank has been quite sick during the past week.

Beatrice, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Stohm, is ill with symptoms of lung fever.

T. J. and J. Shambaugh and wives of Cerro Gordo visited at P. A. Shambaugh's Sunday.

Grandmother Burley is still seriously ill.

Quarterly meeting services of the U. B. church will be held at Fairview next Sunday.

Collector David Strohm has received his books and is now ready to receive the taxes.

Miss Viola Allen who is ill with smallpox is able to be up. There are no new cases.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Merris entertained a party of young folks at their home east of town on Thursday evening. Music and games furnished the amusement of the evening. Light refreshments were served. Those present were: Daisy Easter, Ethel McFoy, Ed Hiser, Nellie Hendricks, Edna Calver, Amy Smith, Jessie Moody, Helen Merris and Elsie Manocke of Argenta and Messrs. C. E. Medford, J. R. Hoffman, John E. Seitz, James Soran, Eyron and Ralph Merris and Ward Carter.

Jan. 23.

Weldon.

Lewis Cowan is working in the T. L. Covey store.

Mrs. Martin Fager went to Monticello Saturday to visit relatives.

Miss Hilda Fager returned to her home at Puxton Saturday.

The meetings are still going on at the home of Mrs. Sullivan was called to Heyworth Thursday by the serious illness of her mother.

Samuel Moorehead is in Kirkville taking treatment for his lungs.

Mr. Gray and family from near Lane visited his parents here Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Williams and family are entertaining relatives from Maroa.

Miss Gertrude McCracken visited Miss Maggie Hendrix at Shiloh Saturday and Sunday.

N. Munch and wife attended quarterly meeting at Shiloh Sunday.

Miss Mayne Phillips visited her friend, Miss Sadie Galloway, over Sunday.

Misses Belle and Lou Dankson attended the Coffman-Oleson wedding Wednesday.

Rev. M. B. Spayd from Chicago, was calling on old friends here Thursday.

T. L. Covey is at Kirkville taking osteopath treatment.

James McConkey returned home from Missouri Friday.

Jan. 24.

THE STEWART DRY GOODS CO

WE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO CREATE THE LOWEST PRICES.

8 to 10 o'clock, 6 bars for 10c

2,000 bars of Armour's Mascot soap, a regular large size, 10 oz bar never sold in a regular way less than 6 bars for 25c; to create the greatest soap bargain yet offered and to induce early trading on Friday from 8 to 10 o'clock you can buy six bars for 10c

THE ADVANCING SEASON'S REMORSELESS GRIND OF

...BARGAINS...

...A SUMPTUOUS FRIDAY FEAST...

Clean Up in Hosiery Department

Ladies' fast black seamless hose, Friday a pair 6c

Ladies' extra heavy fleece double sole and high spiced heel, worth 15c; Friday a pair 10c

Ladies' fancy silk finished hose, worth 25c; Friday a pair 25c

Ladies' fine black silk finished hose, 3 pair in a box; Friday a box 50c

Men's Half Hose

Men's extra heavy gray and brown mixed half hose; Friday a pair 4c

Men's black and tan seamless half hose, regular price 12 1-2c; Friday 23c

Men's fancy silk embroidered half hose, blue, blue and red, worth 15c; Friday a pair 10c

Children's Hose

Children's extra heavy ribbed hose, all sizes, worth 10c, Friday a pair 7c

Children's extra heavy fleece hose, double knee, heel and toe, all sizes, regular 15c kind; Friday a pair 10c

Children's extra heavy ribbed buckskin hose, regular 25c quality; Friday a pair 19c

NOTION SPECIALS

2 aluminum thumbtacks 1c

2 paper crimped hair pins 1c

2 cards "Hump" hook and eyes 1c

60 inch tape measures 1c

John English oval eyed needles, (Sharps) a paper 1c

Belding Bros. spool silk (20 yds) 1c

4 lead pencils 1c

Brass pins a paper 1c

The Monte Carlo Bead Chains

ARE THE STYLE

We have them in jet, Roman pearl, turquoise and coral with gold plate mountings. Instead of 50c choice Friday 25c

Shawl Pins--THE LATEST

Pearl, turquoise and agate enamel pins, Friday choice 10c

35c oxidized belt pins, Friday 25c

Collar and ribbon pins Friday at a dozen 10c

25c brooch pins Friday at each 10c

New Belts

An exquisite line of new San Toy belts with plain and fancy trimmed tabs; Friday at each \$1.48, \$1.25, 98c, 49c and 25c

All the novel designs in Wrist bags in Seal, Alligator, Persian, Gray, black and Tan, Friday, choice 49c

Lace and Insertion

500 pieces linen torchon lace and insertion, 1-2 to 4 inches wide, regular 8c and 10c values, Friday a yard 5c

50 pieces all silk taffeta and satin ribbon, all colors regular 5c and 7c values, Friday a yard 3c

50 pieces all silk taffeta ribbons, plain and fancy, No. 40, never regularly retailed less than 25c; Friday a yard 12c

3 1-2c a yard

2,500 yards of standard all-wool, light medium and dark shades, all regular 3 1-2c and 4c goods, enough to last until noon at a yard 3 1-2c

2 1-2c a yard

2,000 yards of Wood's and Slater's regular 5c lining cambric, all colors and black; Friday 8 a. m. until 12 o'clock, a yard 2 1-2c

Gents' Furnishings

Men's heavy black and white striped work shirts, worth 39c; Friday 22c

Men's heavy corded black and white work shirts, sold everywhere for 50c, Friday our price 39c

Men's suspenders, the regular 19c quality, Friday 10c

Men's unlaundered shirts, New York Mills cotton reinforced back and front. All linen bosom and cuffs, all sizes; regular 50 quality; Friday each 33c

Basement Bargains

15 clothes pins for 1c

30c roasting pans for 19c

10c earthenware crocks for 6c

10c decorated cuspidors 7c

10c tea cups and saucers, each 3c

25c coal hods 10c

29c granite coffee and tea pots 10c

50c granite tea kettles 29c

10c granite drinking cups 5c

98c decorated china salad bowls 69c

65c water sets 49c

5c hat pins with fancy settings, each 2c

10c stockinet dress shields 5c

10c brooch pins 5c

10c back combs 5c

15c belt buckles 5c

Curling irons 5c

Large size kid curlers per doz 5c

Lenox sleeve protectors 5c

IT PAYS TO TRADE WITH THE STEWART DRY GOODS COMPANY

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SIGNIFICANT DATE.
Friday, Jan. 30—W. S. Landon, mayorist and poet, born, 1875.

Germany explains as poorly as its men shoot.

The mild weather has done much to dilute the coal situation.

At last Billy Mason knows it is over. He says he is a Hopkins man.

Grover Cleveland declines to be committed for Mr. Olney's nomination.

The Wilby investigation in the house at Washington has a little of the St. Louis odor.

Clarence S. Darrow is Carter II. Harrison's mayoralty Banquo. He is not easily downed.

South Carolina will be on trial during the time Jim Tillman is getting cleared of a foul and cowardly murder.

New York elected Platt again by almost a unanimous vote. The "easy boss" appears to be a very easy winner.

The ground hog is due next Monday. He should be very circumspect as the weather is very important in view of the coal famine.

Jim Tillman snubbed the president when the latter visited South Carolina. It is fortunate that Tillman did not shoot him.

The democrats of Georgia are for Grover Cleveland for president. They are not so much afraid of a third term as they were in the days of Grant.

John Mitchell declines a place on the Illinois state arbitration board tendered by Gov. Yates. He says he must give his whole time to the affairs of the miners.

Miss Dora Meek, the Centralia Rip Van Winkle, is gradually awakening from her long nap. She will no doubt enjoy seeing the play which Joe Jefferson made famous.

It is now said that the purpose of John P. Hopkins and his faction in becoming Senator Lundy Stringer is to have him in readiness for congress when Caldwell's "bull" is on tap next year for governor.

One thing ought to be said in favor of Quay. It appears to have a clear majority of the senate with him on the standard bill. It seems that the minority is preventing a vote by obstructive tactics. The devil should have his due.

It is given out semi-officially that the contractor of the library building has been such a good fellow and has done such an extra good job that the penalty for not being completed in time will not be enforced. It sometimes, in fact, generally, pays to be honest and faithful in public work.

An Iowa paper, discussing trusts, says some newspapers have a great deal to say about trusts, but the biggest trust on earth is the newspaper trust. It trusts everybody, gets angry for trusting, misinterpreted or censored, and if it busts for trusting, gets cussed for busting.

One of the interesting questions among the knowing ones is this: When Attorney John becomes Judge John next June who will be the master in chancery? Several names have been suggested as probable. The latest is a whisper that Huch Housum might be available.

Forty-one years ago today, the first ironclad vessel ever built was launched. It was the Monitor. Its encounter with the Merrimack, a little later proved its efficiency. From this little ironclad vessel and its exploits naval warfare was revolutionized the world over. January 29, 1862, forms an epoch in naval construction. Erickson and his Monitor did it.

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Attorney General Hamlin is trying to stop some of the leaks from the state treasury. One of the greatest wastes is the employment of a special attorney by each board, where one is already provided by the state. The attorney general cites the extra fees and expenses paid the attorney for the canal board, nearly \$17,000, while his salary was \$1,500 a year additional on that account. For the same board Representative Chipfield's law firm at Canton drew \$5,000 in 1900, and a total of \$6,350. Healy & O'Donnell of Chicago, got \$1,349; Garnsey & Knox, of Joliet, \$4,709; Lincoln & Stead, of Chicago, \$6,600, and another firm \$226. Altogether the attorney general says that within the last five or six years over \$200,000 has been wasted that way, the canal board getting about \$50,000 of the amount.

LIGHT AND HEAT.
The franchise question appears to be in the acute stage in Decatur. The council committee has several present and prospective applications for public enterprises. The policy of encouraging new institutions to spend money is undoubtedly the correct one. At the same time past experience teaches that it is wise to keep strings enough on the corporation to regulate it in case abuses arise.

These conditions however should not be so difficult as to bar out new enterprises. While a maximum rate for service to the public should be fixed it should be such as to enable the business to pay. Again requiring a bond to construct within one year is rather too severe. The proposition to make the franchise void if not utilized within reasonable time is better. This prevents the abuses and yet enables the new enterprise to get on its feet. The council has shown an excellent spirit regarding these proposed additions to the public service.

THE ILLINOIS "HOSS" RACE.
The Peoria Star has a way of saying things well and hitting truth that needs to be told. Here is what it thinks of the Illinois State Fair:

"The state board of agriculture always insists that it makes money at each state fair. It has degenerated for the most part into vulgar show, and in spite of the fact that the management always triumphantly parade an array of figures showing the profits each season, they always turn up in the legislature with a demand for an appropriation. The board is now asking for \$105,000. The fair has already cost the state over a million and it is used principally to exploit horse racing and to exhibit vulgar and indecent spectacles, such as disgraced the Midway at the world's fair in Chicago. These shows have not even the merit of novelty. They have been worn to tatters, year to year, by every street fair in the country, and yet they are used by the state fair board as attractions in order to swell the receipts. Why should the state be called upon to pay for the expenses of this state fair? It long since departed from its intent and purpose and is of no more assistance to agriculture than the street fair is to legitimate trade."

Dislocated Her Shoulder.
Mrs. Johanna Strohman, of Ferguson, Mo., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by all druggists.

Reverses do not always make a man backward.

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